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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HISAYOSHI ITO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SHERRER, C.  
SERIAL NO: 09/926,146 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 10, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1761  
FOR: STIRRED TANK FOR STORING :  
YEAST SLURRY, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING FERMENTED  
FOODS SUCH AS BEER USING THE  
STIRRED TANK, AND STIRRING  
IMPELLER PROVIDED IN THE STIRRED  
TANK

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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